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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, IT
SUBJECT: US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP: RADIOACTIVE WASTE
MANAGEMENT

REFS: (A) STATE 111996; (B) ROME 4045

1. EMBOFFS HAVE DISCUSSED ERDA OFFER TO EXAMINE AREAS FOR
JOINT COLABORATION WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA)
REPS MIGLIUOLO AND COSTA. RESPONSE THUS FAR HAS BEEN NON-
COMMITAL PENDING MORE DETAILED OPINIONS FROM GOI AGENCIES
(PARTICULARLY AGIP AND CNEN) MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

2. OTHER EWG-RELATED MATTERS:

(A) NEXT MEETING: DURING RECENT DISCUSSION WITH ECOMIN,
MIGLIUOLO INDICATED THAT HE DOUBTED VALUE OF HOLDING APRING
EQG MEETING IN WASHINGTON. APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION
OF ENERGY PROBLEMS, ACCORDING TO MIGLIUOLO, WOULD BE PRIME
MINISTER ANDREOTTI'S OFFICIAL VISIT IN JULY. BESIDES, USG
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WAS STILL SORTING OUT ITS POLICY IN AREAS OF GREATEST INTEREST
TO ITALY: URANIUM AND FUEL CYCLE TECHNOLOGY.

(B) U.S. URANIUM STOCKPILE AND "BEST EFFORTS" LANGUAGE:
AMMASSARI (IN RECENT SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF) HAVE
CITED APPARENT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN USG STATEMENTS IN EWG THAT
U.S. MAINTAINS NO RPT NO STOCKPILE OF EITHER NATURAL OR ENRICHED

URANIUM AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENTS IN LONDON THAT SUCH STOCKPILE INDEED EXISTS. AMMASSARI ASKED IF WE COULD CLARIFY THIS. AMMASSARI ALSO ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PROPOSED FUEL GUARANTEES: SPECIFICALLY, DOES IT INCLUDE NATURAL URANIUM? EMBOFF NOTED THAT LANGUAGE INCLUDED ONLY ENRICHED URANIUM, WHICH SUGGESTED THAT NATURAL URANIUM WOULD NOT BE COVERED.

(C) MFA HAS REQUESTED RESPONSE TO ITS QUESTION RE EXPANSION OF U.S. ENRICHMENT CAPACITY WHICH WE NOTE HAS BEEN PENDING SINCE MAY 10 (ROME 7601).

(D) IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH ENI/AGIP NUCLEAR OFFICIALS, EMBOFFS WERE ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FURNISH COPIES OF STUDIES RELATING TO ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF FAST-BREEDER REACTORS. ENI/AGIP OFFICIALS HAD NOTED FIGURES CITED BY DR. NYE IN HIS SALZBURG SPEECH AND INDICATED THAT THIS AND SIMILAR STUDIES WOULD HELP THEM CONTRIBUTE TO FORMULATION OF GOI POLICY IN FAST-BREEDER AREA.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS RE MATTERS RAISED PARA 2 ABOVE. PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT WOULD BE INFORMATION ON U.S. STOCKPILE: AT PRESENT, GOI IS CONVINCED THAT USG SPOKESMEN HAVE SERIOUSLY MISLED GOI ON THIS ISSUE. THIS MATTER SHOULD BE CLEARED UP IMMEDIATELY BEFORE IT GOES TO THE PM FOR HIS VISIT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.
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4. EMBASSY WILL COMMENT AT GREATER LENGTH ON ENERGY TOPICS WHICH MAY COME UP DURING PM'S VISIT IN SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE.

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